

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claim 24 as follows.

The following is the status of the claims in this application:

1-23 (Previously Cancelled)

24. (currently amended) A recirculating filter tank system adapted for use in a septic system, comprising:

a tank having a bottom and sides, and an inlet and outlet; and

an effluent distribution system comprising troughs forming channels integrally in at least the bottom and sides of the tank, the channels including at least one bottom channel spanning substantially between opposing ends of the tank at the bottom and additional channels intersecting the bottom channel.

25. (previously presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank is made from one of precast concrete and a synthetic material.

26. (previously presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank includes an inlet pipe which extends from an interior to an exterior of the tank.

27. (previously presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, further comprising a sheet placed on one of the bottom and the sides of the tank.

28. (previously presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 27, wherein the sheet includes perforations so that effluent can flow from a filter to the integral troughs.

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29. (previously presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank further includes a flange and ribs.